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Program Coordinator, Florida Scenic Highways Program
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Dear Mr. Stoddart,

As President of the University of West Florida (UWF), I am expressing institutional support for the proposed extension of the Pensacola Scenic Bluffs Highway, designated under the Florida Scenic Highways Program.

The University of West Florida is proud to serve as a steward of Northwest Florida's natural and cultural heritage, as well as a key partner in advancing regional mobility, economic development, and environmental resilience. The proposed corridor extension will strengthen these shared priorities by formally recognizing the scenic, historic, and ecological value of the northern Pensacola Bay Bluffs and extending program benefits to UWF's main campus.

UWF recognizes the Florida Scenic Highways Program's emphasis on preserving and enhancing the intrinsic qualities of Florida's roadways, and we view this extension as an opportunity to align the University's long-term campus planning with the program's goals of resource protection, context-sensitive design, and community engagement. This extension also complements the broader community-led vision advanced by Bluffline, Inc., the designated steward organization for the Pensacola Scenic Bluffs Highway, which seeks to integrate scenic preservation with sustainable mobility and multimodal access along the corridor.

We appreciate the leadership of Bluffline, Inc. in coordinating this effort, and we welcome continued collaboration as the corridor extension moves forward. The University of West Florida looks forward to working with FDOT and local partners to ensure the campus' inclusion in the Scenic Highway designation and to advance shared goals of scenic preservation, sustainable development, and community connectivity.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manny Diaz".

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